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COMMERCE FOR BEWT/TDAD (STECHSCHULTE)

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SUBJECT: MAJOR TRADE OPPORTUNITY - PREHEATING PROCESS FOR
PRODUCTION OF COKING COAL

REFS: A. PRAGUE 578 (NOTAL)

B. MOSCOW 3738 (NOTAL)

1. FEDERAL MINISTRY OF METALLURGY AND HEAVY ENGINEERING
(FMMHE) CONTACTED EMBASSY APRIL 8 AND REQUESTED THAT
CHIEF, ECON/COMMERCIAL SECTION CALL AT MINISTRY ON
MONDAY, APRIL 14, TO DISCUSS APPROVED VISIT OF FOUR
CZECHOSLOVAK TECHNICIANS AND INDUSTRY OFFICIALS TO
VISIT COALTEK INSTALLATIONS IN U.S. OVER PHONE WE
WERE ABLE TO DETERMINE ONLY THAT TEAM IS EXPECTED TO
TRAVEL AT END OF APRIL OR AT BEGINNING OF MAY AND
INTENDS TO STOP IN U.K. ENROUTE TO U.S. FOR ABOUT
FOUR DAYS. (ALTHOUGH WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ON REASON
FOR STOP IN U.K., WE SUSPECT IT MAY BE TO CALL ON
GIBBONS BROTHERS LTD., AND ALLIED CHEMICAL SUBSIDIARY
IN THE U.K., AND TO VISIT COALTEK UNIT PRESENTLY BEING INSTALLED
FOR BRITISH STEEL CORPORATION AT REDACAR). TEAM THEN
WILL GO ON TO U.S. WHERE APPROXIMATELY TEN DAYS WILL
BE GIVEN OVER TO TOURS OF INSTALLATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS
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WITH ALLIED CHEMICAL OFFICIALS ON COALTEK PROCESS.

2. EMBASSY WILL ADVISE FULL DETAILS OF FMMHE PROPOSAL
WHEN MADE KNOWN TO US APRIL 14. IN VIEW OF SHORT TIME
REMAINING, HOWEVER, COMMERCE SHOULD ALERT MARTING AT
ALLIED CHEMICAL TO FMMHE PLANS AS TENTATIVELY OUTLINED
ABOVE.

3. LONDON: FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

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